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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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INCOME FROM PRIVATE CABLE NETWORK COMPANY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has generated income from the various private cable network companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years till date, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any monitoring agency to check and inspect the modus operandi of these cable network companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. However, no separate statistics on the total amounts received from various private cable network organizations in the country are centrally maintained. Local cable network operators are required to seek registration/renewal in Post office by paying Rs.500/- per annum. Taxes of Local Self Government/State Government and Central Government are also applicable on them.

(c) to (f): The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, contains provisions to regulate the operation of cable television networks in the country and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The cable operators are required to conform to the provisions of the said Act in their operations. The Act provides for authorized officers to take action for violation of certain provisions of the Act.